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Re: Bridge Blast Material
EPATD# VAP000011093 ?

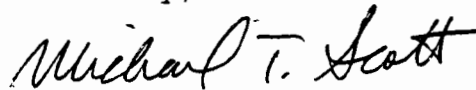
Dear Ms. Shaw:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Waste Division has completed a review of the correspondence submitted in regards to the disposal of a roll off box of bridge blast material from Shaffers Crossing in Roanoke, Virginia. As the generator of a solid waste, you are required to determine if that waste is a hazardous waste by testing the waste or applying knowledge of the hazardous characteristics of the waste based on materials or the processes used. In this case, an analysis was performed to determine if blastox treated waste was hazardous.

It appears that a laboratory error caused N&W to believe that they disposed of a hazardous waste into Smith Gap Landfill. The Department feels that N&W acted responsibly in reporting the suspected situation and by removing the waste in question until the disposal issues could be resolved. If, as the generator of the waste, you feel that the material is non-hazardous and have sufficient data in support of your characterization, then the Department would have no objection to N&W handling this material as a non-hazardous waste.

Thank you for your cooperation in response to this situation. If you have any questions or require further assistance, please call me at (540) 562-6799.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael T. Scott".

Michael T. Scott
Environmental Inspector Sr.

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